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Purchase of merchant ships for the IIR

1. Director Salomon, who had visited Sweden for a few days at the end of October 1951, with Director Maart, arrived back in Rostock on 1 November 1951. His mission had been a failure; both [redacted] and [redacted] ship owners had refused to sell vessels of any kind to the IIR.
2. In a conversation with a friend, Salomon stated that, [redacted] he had been offered secretly a few ships weighing up to 1,000 tons. Since these were too small, he had at the time not interested himself further in them, but he now intended to contact the firm in question to see if any deals could be arranged. On 5 November 1951, Director Salomon in Rostock had a long telephone conversation with [redacted]

Movements of the VORWAERTS

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4. The VORWAERTS visited Memel at the beginning of November. At present, the VORWAERTS is tied up in Rostock loading cargo for Gdynia. Ninety per cent of the cargo is destined for Communist China.

Russian warships - Memel

5. [redacted] the Second Officer of the VORWAERTS, [redacted] did not observe any Russian Naval vessels in the harbor.

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Russian minesweepers at the Neptun Werft, Rostock

6. On 30 October 1951, five minesweepers of the T class were observed at anchor in the Neptun shipyard. Later on the same day, four more T class minesweepers

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steamed into the Neptun shipyards.

Dredging of the Warnow

7. The projected blasting of the river bed through the Breitling has not yet begun. The new fishing harbor at Rostock is nearing completion. The depth of the basin is now seven and one-half meters but dredging near the docks has only progressed to a depth of six and one-half meters.
8. Grain shipments to the DDR.

Russia contracted to send 800,000 tons of grain to the DDR from November 1951 to June 1952. Of this total, it is planned to ship 440,000 tons by rail. The remaining 360,000 tons are to be shipped from Leningrad and Kaliningrad to DDR ports.

Export of briquettes from Rostock

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9. During the months of October 1951, 73,000 tons of briquettes were exported from Rostock on ships destined mainly for [redacted] with small consignments going to [redacted]

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